

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Amended claims: 1-6, and 8, cancelled claim 7, and added new claims 9-12

1. (Currently Amended) A process Process to prepare a waxy Raffinate product, the process comprising by performing the following steps:

(a) subjecting a Fischer-Tropsch derived product having a weight ratio of compounds boiling above 540 °C and compounds boiling between 370 and 540 °C of greater than 2 to a hydroconversion step and

(b) fractionating the effluent of step (a) to obtain products boiling in the fuels range and a waxy raffinate product boiling between 350 and 600 °C.

2. (Currently Amended) The process of Process according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of compounds boiling above 540 °C and compounds boiling between 370 and 540 °C of is greater than 2.5.

3. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, Process according to any one of claims 1-2, wherein the T10wt% T10wt% recovery point of the Fischer-Tropsch derived product is preferably below 400 °C.

4. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, Process according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein the Fischer-Tropsch derived product in step (a) is prepared by separating from a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis product part or all of the paraffin fraction boiling between 370 and 540 °C.

5. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, Process according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein the Fischer-Tropsch derived product in step (a) is prepared by adding a Fischer-Tropsch derived fraction comprising compounds boiling above 540 °C to a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis product.

6. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1 further comprising Process to prepare simultaneously two or more grades of a paraffin wax having a congealing ranging from 30 to 120 °C and a waxy Raffinate product by
(i) subjecting part of the a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis product to a hydrogenation step to remove oxygenates and olefins from the Fischer-Tropsch product;
(ii) isolating from the hydrogenated Fischer-Tropsch product two or more wax grades, wherein at least one grade has a congealing point between 30 and 80 °C and at least one heavy grade has having a congealing point of above 90 °C; and, preferably above 95 °C
(iii) mixing part or all of the heavy wax with another part of the Fischer-Tropsch synthesis product to obtain the Fischer-Tropsch product having a weight ratio of compounds boiling above 540 °C and compounds boiling between 370 and 540 °C of greater than 2 to be used in step (a) wherein two or more grades of a paraffin wax having a congealing point ranging from 30 °C to 120 °C and a waxy raffinate product are prepared simultaneously of the process of the present invention.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, Process to prepare a base oil by performing the process according to any one of claims 1-6 and performing an additional dewaxing step using further comprising subjecting the waxy Raffinate to a dewaxing step as feed.

9. (New) The process of claim 2, wherein the $T_{10\text{wt}\%}$ recovery point of the Fischer-Tropsch derived product is below 400 °C.

10. (New) The process of claim 2, wherein the Fischer-Tropsch derived product in step (a) is prepared by separating from a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis product part or all of the paraffin fraction boiling between 370 and 540 °C.

11. (New) The process of claim 2, wherein the Fischer-Tropsch derived product in step (a) is prepared by adding a Fischer-Tropsch derived fraction comprising compounds boiling above 540 °C to a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis product.

12. (New) The process of claim 2, further comprising subjecting the waxy Raffinate to a dewaxing step.